The State Government is also investigating 3 other projects—one in Una district to provide irrigation to Beet area and the other two in Kangra district viz Sidhata irrigation, project and Kripal Chand Irrigation Project.

Besides the above, a potential of 14,000 ha. is planned to be created in the minor irrigation sector in the Eighth Plan.

Central Assistance for Tapping Underground Water

2177. PROF. K. V. THOMAS:
DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the underground water level in Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan has gone down considerably;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance to those States for tapping underground water resources during 1991-92; and

(c) the Central assistance provided to those States during 1989-90 and 1990-91 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Decline in ground water levels, of the order of 2 to 4 meters, has been observed in parts of the States of Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

(b) No, Sir. There is no such scheme under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Water Resources Management and Training Projects

2178. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the physical and financial progress achieved under the USAID assisted Irrigation Management Training Programme of Water Resources Management and Training Project with particular reference to allocated funds, actually spent compared with budgeted amounts for different States;

(b) whether the lack of response of the project beneficiary States to the inputs, services or other forms of assistance provided under the project resulted in the extension of the project upto September, 1992;

(c) if so, whether the intervention model on which the project is based remains valid in a changing environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Against the overall USAID assistance of 51 million Dollars for the Water Resources Management and Training Project the allocation for the Irrigation Management Training component is Dollars 43 million. Disbursement of aid upto March, 1991 amounts to 30.36 million Dollars. The cumulative expenditure upto March, 1991 under the Irrigation Management & Training component works out to Rs. 41.96 crores. The physical and financial progress in each State is given in the attached statement.

(b) Several factors have contributed towards the extension of the project, including inadequate response of some of the participating States.

(c) and (d) No specific intervention model has been proposed under this project. The project provides for sufficient flexibility to evolve suitable interventions depending upon local conditions and requirements.